



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday, February 1, 2019 | 7:59 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Sandra Hollins

Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Senate Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

MOTION:

House Chair Ray moved to approve the following motion from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/25/2019: #CB4. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. T. Seegmiller

1 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Mr. George Chapman, citizen, spoke about Operation Rio Grande and the needed funding that could make it a success.

Rep. Daw asked for clarification and Mr. Chapman responded.

Ms. Gina Cornia, Utahns Against Hunger, spoke in opposition to budget reduction options related to Emergency Food Network and Qualified Emergency Food Agencies Fund.

Rep. Judkins asked clarifying questions and Ms. Cornia responded.

2 . Annual Audit of the Department of Workforce Services by the State Auditor

[4-Department of Workforce Services - Single Audit Management Letter - June 30, 2018](#)

Mr. John Dougall, State Auditor, Office of the State Auditor (OSA), introduced the auditors to the committee.

Mr. Gregg Hastings, Financial Auditor/IS Manager, OSA, presented the audit findings to the committee.

Mr. Andrew Driggs, Financial Senior Auditor, OSA, presented additional details about the audit findings.

Chair Christensen asked for more information and Mr. Driggs and Mr. Dougall responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked a clarifying question and Mr. Driggs responded.

Mr. Hastings gave a conclusion of the report.

Rep. Judkins asked clarifying questions and Mr. Dougall responded.

Mr. Dougall expressed appreciation to the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) for their continued effort to improve their operations.

Mr. Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, DWS, responded to the audit and expressed appreciation for the department's relationship with OSA.

Rep. Judkins expressed appreciation for the department and the auditor team.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve motion #DA1 from the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-13

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. T. Seegmiller

3 . Department of Workforce Services (DWS) - Base Budget

Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained the Base Budget to the committee and invited Mr. Nathan Harrison, Director of Administrative Support, DWS, to answer questions from the committee.

[5b-DWS - Facility Costs FY19](#)

Chair Christensen asked for clarification and Ms. Oritt responded.

[5c-DWS - Fund Balances](#)

Ms. Oritt explained the report.

[5d-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Fees - Department of Workforce Services](#)

Ms. Oritt presented the report.

Chair Christensen asked Mr. Harrison to provide additional information and Mr. Harrison responded.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions and Mr. Harrison responded.

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development, DWS, provided additional information.

Ms. Tracy Gruber, Director, Office of Child Care, DWS, provided additional information.

Rep. Judkins asked for information about fees and Mr. Harrison responded.

Chair Christensen asked for additional information and Mr. Harrison responded.

Ms. Oritt continued with her presentation.

[5e-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Federal Funds - Department of Workforce Services](#)

Ms. Oritt presented the information.

[5f-DWS - Caseloads - FY2018](#)

[5g-DWS - Line Item Performance Measures - FY2018](#)

M. Oritt explained possible motions for the committee's consideration.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve all DA motions except #DA1 from the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover

4 . DWS Administration - Base Budget

Ms. Oritt presented the DWS Administration Base Budget and explained possible motions for the committee's consideration.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification and Ms. Oritt and Mr. Harrison responded.

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification and Mr. Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, DWS, responded.

Rep. Judkins asked about programs for veterans and Mr. Pierpont responded.

Ms. Oritt explained possible motions for the committee's consideration.

Mr. Harrison supplied additional information.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to approve the DB motions for the Administration line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray

5 . DWS General Assistance - Base Budget

Ms. Oritt explained the Base Budget.

Chair Christensen commented on the challenge to General Assistance allowance recipients to subsist on the amount provided.

Chair Christensen made a comment about the audit and Mr. Harrison responded.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve the DC motions for the General Assistance line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

6 . DWS Housing and Community Development (HCD) - Base Budget

[8c1-DWS - HCD Expenditure Details FY18](#)

Ms. Oritt explained the Base Budget to the committee.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked clarifying questions.

Ms. Oritt and Mr. Hardy provided the information.

Ms. Oritt explained possible reduction options and motions for the committee's consideration.

Chair Christensen commented on the proposed budget cuts and invited representatives from DWS to respond.

Mr. Hardy expressed opposition to the Housing and Community Development reduction options.

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification and Mr. Hardy responded.

Mr. Kory Holdaway, Consultant, The INN Between, was invited by Chair Christensen to speak about the proposed budget cuts that would affect The INN Between.

Rep. Ray asked about funding requests and Mr. Holdaway and Mr. Hardy responded.

Ms. Oritt continued her presentation on funding requests and possible motions.

[8c1-DWS - HCD Expenditure Details FY18](#)[8c2-Private Activity Bonds - 2-1-2019](#)**7 . Performance Audit of Utah's Homeless Services**[10-Performance Audit of Utah's Homeless Services \(audit number 2018-12\)](#)

Mr. Brian Dean, Deputy Auditor General, Office of Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), introduced the audit to the committee.

Mr. James Behunin, Audit Supervisor, OLAG, explained the audit findings to the committee and made recommendations to improve deficiencies.

Rep. Coleman asked for clarification and Mr. Behunin responded.

Chair Christensen made a comment about changing metrics to change study outcomes.

Mr. Behunin continued with his presentation.

Rep. Coleman asked for more information and Mr. Behunin responded.

Mr. Dean provided additional information.

Mr. Behunin continued with his presentation.

Chair Christensen expressed his thoughts on changing goals.

Mr. Dean and Mr. Behunin responded.

Rep. Daw asked for clarification about agencies and funding sources. Mr. Dean responded.

House Chair Ray assumed the chair.

Rep. Coleman asked for more information and Mr. Behunin and Mr. Dean responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked for additional information about funding sources and Mr. Dean and Mr. Behunin responded.

Mr. Hardy responded to the audit.

Ms. Oritt explained possible motions to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to approve motion #DC1 on the General Assistance line item, and the DD motions except #DD3-#DD7, #DD13, #DD23, #DD24, and #DD26 in the Housing and Community Development line item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to approve motion #DC1 in the General Assistance line item and all DD motions except #DD3-#DD7, #DD11, #DD13-#DD15, #DD23, #DD24, and #DD26 in the Housing and Community Development line item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The Substitute motion passed with a vote of 9 - 3 - 5.

Yeas-9

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. P. Ray

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. R. Ward

Chair Ray gave some additional information and spoke in opposition to the substitute motion.

Rep. Dailey-Provost spoke in opposition to the substitute motion.

8 . DWS Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund - Base Budget

[11b-Report on H.B. 36 - Expenditures](#)

Ms. Oritt presented the information to the committee.

Mr. Hardy explained the report to the committee.

Ms. Oritt continued with her presentation.

Senate Chair Christensen resumed the chair.

Sen. Cullimore spoke to the fund.

Ms. Oritt explained possible motions to the committee.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for more information regarding DD3-DD7 and Mr. Harrison and Ms. Oritt responded.

Rep. Robertson asked for more information and Ms. Oritt and Mr. Hardy responded.

MOTION: House Chair Ray moved to approve motions #DD3-#DD7 and #DD23 in the Housing and Community Development line item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

9 . DWS Permanent Community Impact/Community Development Capital - Base

[12a-DWS - HCD Capital Expenditure Details FY18](#)

Ms. Oritt explained additional motions for the committee to consider.

MOTION: House Chair Ray moved to approve motion #DD24 in the Housing and Community Development line item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-13

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

10 . DWS Special Services District - Base Budget

[13a-DWS - HCD SSD Expenditure Details FY18](#)

Ms. Oritt explained a motion for the committee's consideration.

MOTION: House Chair Ray moved to approve the motion #DD26 in the Housing and Community Development line item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. R. Ward

11 . DWS Operation Rio Grande - Base Budget[14a-DWS - ORG Expenditure Details FY18](#)[14c-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Operation Rio Grande - Funding and Performance Update](#)

Ms. Oritt presented the information.

MOTION: House Chair Ray moved to approve the motion #DG1 in the Rio Grande item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

12 . DWS Nutrition Assistance - SNAP - Base Budget[15a-DWS - Nutrition Assistance Expenditure Details FY18](#)

Ms. Oritt explained the Base Budget to the committee.

MOTION: House Chair Ray moved to approve the motions #DE1 and #DE2 for the General Assistance line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Judkins

Rep. Robertson asked for clarifying information and Ms. Oritt responded.

13 . DWS Office of Child Care - Base Budget[16c-DWS - OCC Expenditure Details FY18](#)

Ms. Oritt presented the information to the committee.

Mr. Harrison responded to Chair Christensen's questions.

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification and Mr. Harrison responded.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions and Mr. Harrison responded.

Ms. Oritt provided additional information about the possible motions.

Mr. Harrison provided more information regarding the potential motions.

Rep. Ward asked for clarifying information regarding the potential motions and Mr. Harrison responded.

MOTION: House Chair Ray moved to approve the DF motions, except #DF2, for the General Assistance line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Judkins

Ms. Oritt explained the DJ motions to the committee.

[17a-DWS - UI Expenditure Details FY18](#)



MOTION: House Chair Ray moved to approve the DJ motions for the General Assistance line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Judkins

MOTION: Rep. Seegmiller moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Judkins

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.